AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended): A method in a data processing system, said method comprising the steps of:

~~specifying a particular tone;~~

generating a message that includes a plurality of sentences, each one of said plurality of sentences being one of a plurality of different types of sentences,

determining, utilizing said data processing system, ~~an original tone of a message~~ a percentage of said message that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences;

~~determining, utilizing said data processing system, whether said original tone is said particular tone; and~~

automatically modifying, utilizing said data processing system, said message by automatically changing said percentage of said message that includes at least one of said plurality of different types of sentences; and

automatically changing said percentage of said message by changing a type of at least one of said sentences from a first one of said plurality of different types to a second one of said plurality of different types. ~~to change said original tone to said particular tone in response to a determination that said original tone is not said particular tone.~~

2. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

parsing said message into a plurality of elements; and

determining, utilizing said data processing system, for one of said plurality of elements of a percentage of said one of said plurality of elements that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences ~~an original tone of a message by determining a tone of each of said plurality of elements~~.

3. (Original): The method according to claim 2, further comprising the step of specifying a size of each of said plurality of elements.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original): The method according to claim 3, further comprising the step of parsing said message into a plurality of paragraphs, wherein said size of each of said plurality of elements is a paragraph.

7. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically changing a type of at least one of said sentences ~~modifying said message~~ by adding words to said at least one of said sentences ~~message~~.

8. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically changing a type of at least one of said sentences ~~modifying said message~~ by deleting words from said at least one of said sentences ~~message~~.

9. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically changing a type of at least one of said sentences ~~modifying said message~~ by changing punctuation in said at least one of said sentences ~~message~~.

10. (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically modifying said message by changing a font of said message.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

identifying a recipient of said message;

determining a percentage of a last message sent to said recipient that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences; and

automatically changing said percentage of said message to said percentage of said last message sent to said recipient.

~~determining a tone of a last message sent to said recipient; and~~

~~utilizing said tone of said last message as said particular tone.~~

18. (Currently amended): The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

generating said message as a reply to a sender's message;

determining a percentage of said sender's message that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences; and

automatically changing said percentage of said message to said percentage of said sender's message.

~~determining, utilizing said data processing system, a tone of said sender's message; and~~

~~utilizing said tone of said sender's message as said particular tone.~~

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended): A computer program product in a data processing system, said computer program product comprising:

~~instruction means for specifying a particular tone;~~

instruction means for generating a message that includes a plurality of sentences, each one of said plurality of sentences being one of a plurality of different types of sentences;

instruction means for determining, utilizing said data processing system, ~~an original tone of a message~~ a percentage of said message that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences;

~~instruction means for determining, utilizing said data processing system, whether said original tone is said particular tone; and~~

instruction means for automatically modifying, utilizing said data processing system, said message by automatically changing said percentage of said message that includes at least one of said plurality of different types of sentences; and

instruction means for automatically changing said percentage of said message by changing a type of at least one of said sentences from a first one of said plurality of different types to a second one of said plurality of different types. ~~to change said original tone to said particular tone in response to a determination that said original tone is not said particular tone.~~

22. (Currently amended): The product according to claim 21, further comprising:

instruction means for parsing said message into a plurality of elements; and

instruction means for determining, utilizing said data processing system, for one of said plurality of elements of a percentage of said one of said plurality of elements that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences ~~an original tone of a message by determining a tone of each of said plurality of elements~~.

23. (Original): The product according to claim 22, further comprising instruction means for specifying a size of each of said plurality of elements.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Original): The product according to claim 23, further comprising instruction means for parsing said message into a plurality of paragraphs, wherein said size of each of said plurality of elements is a paragraph.

27. (Currently amended): The product according to claim 21, further comprising instruction means for automatically changing a type of at least one of said sentences ~~modifying said message~~ by adding words to said at least one of said sentences ~~message~~.

28. (Currently amended): The product according to claim 21, further comprising instruction means for automatically changing a type of at least one of said sentences ~~modifying said message~~ by deleting words from said at least one of said sentences ~~message~~.

29. (Currently amended): The product according to claim 21, further comprising instruction means for automatically changing a type of at least one of said sentences ~~modifying said message~~ by changing punctuation in said at least one of said sentences ~~message~~.

30. (Original): The product according to claim 21, further comprising instruction means for automatically modifying said message by changing a font of said message.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)

34. (Canceled)

35. (Canceled)

36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently amended): The product according to claim 21, further comprising:

instruction means for identifying a recipient of said message;

instruction means for determining a percentage of a last message sent to said recipient that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences; and

instruction means for automatically changing said percentage of said message to said percentage of said last message sent to said recipient.

~~instruction means for determining a tone of a last message sent to said recipient; and~~

~~instruction means for utilizing said tone of said last message as said particular tone.~~

38. (Currently amended): The product according to claim 21, further comprising:

instruction means for generating said message as a reply to a sender's message;

instruction means for determining a percentage of said sender's message that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences; and

instruction means for automatically changing said percentage of said message to said percentage of said sender's message.

~~instruction means for determining, utilizing said data processing system, a tone of said sender's message; and~~

~~instruction means for utilizing said tone of said sender's message as said particular tone.~~

39. (Canceled)

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently amended): A data processing system comprising:

~~a particular tone being specified;~~

said data processing system including a CPU executing code for generating a message that includes a plurality of sentences, each one of said plurality of sentences being one of a plurality of different types of sentences;

said ~~data processing system including a~~ CPU executing code for determining a percentage of said message that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences ~~an original tone of a message~~;

~~said CPU executing code for determining whether said original tone is said particular tone; and~~

said data processing system for automatically modifying said message by automatically changing said percentage of said message that includes at least one of said plurality of different types of sentences; and

said CPU executing code for automatically changing said percentage of said message by changing a type of at least one of said sentences from a first one of said plurality of different types to a second one of said plurality of different types. ~~to change said original tone to said particular tone in response to a determination that said original tone is not said particular tone.~~

42. (Currently amended): The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

said message being parsed into a plurality of elements; and

said CPU executing code for determining for one of said plurality of elements of a percentage of said one of said plurality of elements that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences ~~an original tone of a message by determining a tone of each of said plurality of elements~~.

43. (Original): The system according to claim 42, further comprising a size of each of said plurality of elements being specified.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Canceled)

46. (Original): The system according to claim 43, further comprising said message being parsed into a plurality of paragraphs, wherein said size of each of said plurality of elements is a paragraph.

47. (Currently amended): The system according to claim 41, further comprising said CPU executing code for automatically changing a type of at least one of said sentences ~~modifying said message~~ by adding words to said at least one of said sentences ~~message~~.

48. (Currently amended): The system according to claim 41, further comprising said CPU executing code for automatically changing a type of at least one of said sentences ~~modifying said message~~ by deleting words from said at least one of said sentences ~~message~~.

49. (Currently amended): The system according to claim 41, further comprising said CPU executing code for automatically changing a type of at least one of said sentences ~~modifying said message~~ by changing punctuation in said at least one of said sentences ~~message~~.

50. (Original): The system according to claim 41, further comprising said CPU executing code for automatically modifying said message by changing a font of said message.

51. (Canceled)

52. (Canceled)

53. (Canceled)

54. (Canceled)

55. (Canceled)

56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently amended): The system according to claim 41, further comprising:

a recipient of said message being identified;

said CPU executing code for determining a percentage of a last message sent to said recipient that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences; and

said CPU executing code for automatically changing said percentage of said message to said percentage of said last message sent to said recipient.

~~said CPU executing code for determining a tone of a last message sent to said recipient; and~~

~~said tone of said last message being utilized as said particular tone.~~

58. (Currently amended): The system according to claim 41, further comprising:

said message being generated as a reply to a sender's message;

said CPU executing code for determining a percentage of said sender's message that includes each one of said plurality of different types of sentences; and

said CPU executing code for automatically changing said percentage of said message to said percentage of said sender's message.

~~said CPU executing code for determining a tone of said sender's message; and~~

~~said tone of said sender's message being utilized as said particular tone.~~

59. (Canceled)

60. (Canceled)